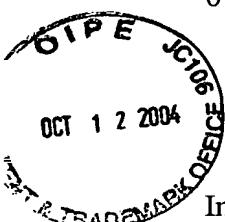


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Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on June 28, 1999 and an Appeal Brief on August 30, 1999. Applicants received the Examiner's Answer on December 27, 1999. On February 22, 2000 Applicants filed an Appeal Brief Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.193(b)(1). Applicants received an Order of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated February 28, 2002 requiring Applicants to file a Supplemental Appeal Brief. Applicants filed the required Supplemental Appeal Brief on April 9, 2002. Applicants requested a status of the above-identified patent application on August 8, 2002, on March 14, 2003, on December 15, 2003, and June 29, 2004. Applicants received a Notice from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 4, 2003 indicating that the application had been sent back to the Examiner for appropriate action.

Applicants await a decision by the Examiner on the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 251.

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REMARKS

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